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OUTLINE OF PROSPECTIVE CIVILIAN FOOD SUPPLIES  
FOR YEAR BEGINNING APRIL 1944

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Fresh Meat: Supplies will be approximately 15 percent greater in the second quarter of 1944 than in the corresponding quarter of 1943-- 12 percent less than in first quarter of 1944.

Canned Meat: Civilians can expect about 50 percent more than they had in 1943.

Canned Fish: Supplies will be about 20 percent lower than in corresponding quarter of 1943, but with larger supplies in prospect for late 1944. Quantities available for the year beginning April may be slightly larger than in 1943.

Fluid Milk: Supplies are expected to continue at about the levels of the past year. In the second quarter of 1944 they may be slightly higher than in the first.

Evaporated Milk: Supplies during April-June will be about the same as during the first quarter.

Cheese: Quantities available will be about 7 percent less for the year than in 1943, but slightly greater during April-June 1944, than during the first quarter.

Poultry: Expect about 15 percent less poultry for meat during second quarter than for same quarter in 1943, with supplies for the year beginning April down about 10 percent from 1943 level. Seasonal increase will account for availability of substantially greater quantities in second quarter than in January-March.

Eggs: Prospect of the same record quantity for the year as in 1943. Expected to continue to be abundant during second quarter of 1944.

Dry Beans & Peas: Supplies (including canned pork & beans) will be 8 to 10 percent higher during April-June than for same period in 1943, and about 8 percent higher for the year beginning April 1944 than in 1943.

Canned Fruits: Supplies for the year will be tight, even with favorable weather and large pack. During April-June supplies will be about 30 percent below the level during the corresponding quarter a year ago. With a short crop civilian supplies could be as much as 50 percent lower than those of a year ago.

Canned Vegetables: With the prospect of a good pack, supplies for civilians are expected to be about 15 to 20 percent below those in 1943. During April-June, supplies will be almost as large as in the same quarter of 1943.

Fresh Fruits & Vegetables: The supply of fresh citrus fruit for the year beginning April is expected to be about 15 to 20 percent larger than in 1943. The crop of oranges for the second quarter will be nearly one-fifth larger than that of last season.

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Grapefruit supplies will be about the same as during the corresponding quarter of 1943. Fresh deciduous fruit supplies are expected to be about 10 to 15 percent higher than last year. Supplies of apples and strawberries during the April-June quarter will be about 30 percent less than a year ago. Somewhat larger supplies of fresh vegetables are in prospect for the year than were available last year. During the April-June quarter the increase may be as much as 15 to 20 percent over the same quarter of 1943. White potatoes and cabbage will continue in abundance. Onions should be available after April in approximately normal quantities.

Dried Fruits: There will be substantial increases in supplies of raisins and dried prunes during April-June as compared with supplies in the second quarter of last year. One-third more raisins and one-fourth more prunes will be available during the year than in 1943.

Butter: About the same amount for the year as in 1943, but April-June supplies will be a little higher than for the same quarter last year. Second quarter supplies this year will be up slightly from quantities available during first quarter.

Margarine: Slightly greater supplies for the year than in 1943, but not enough to offset fully the decline in butter supplies below pre-war average.

Shortening  
& Lard: Total supplies of lard, shortening, and other edible oils are expected to be 6 percent less than last year. Lard will be more plentiful; shortening and other edible oils will be scarcer.

Grains: It is expected that supplies will be adequate for food needs with a slight increase in wheat and flour consumption. Available quantities of rice will be about the same as in 1943, but tight during the April-June quarter. Soy flour will be available in larger quantities than in 1943. Oat and rye supplies are ample; corn supplies are expected to be about the same as in 1943.

Coffee, Tea  
& Cocoa: Supplies will be up somewhat from those in 1943, with enough coffee to meet current demands and distribution of tea and cocoa continuing at current levels.

Sugar: About 6 percent less than supplies during 1943.

Jams, Jellies,  
& other  
Spreads: Supplies of jams and jellies for the year are expected to be no larger than those of last year, but will be much better distributed. Citrus marmalade will continue to be plentiful and there will be more peanut butter than during last year.

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